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In re Application of:

Alice H. Howe

TENNIS RACQUET EQUIPPED WITH  
A TENNIS BALL RETRIEVER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Preliminary Amendments**

Amending the specification to appropriately recite that the captioned application is a continuing application is made hereby by submitting herewith the first two paragraphs of the revision thereto. Entry of the amendment without withdrawing the application is respectfully requested.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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This application is a continuing application of U.S. Patent application Serial Number 09/665,743 entitled Tennis Racquet Equipped With a Tennis Ball Retriever filed on behalf of Alice H. Howe on September 6, 2000.

### **Field of Invention**

The present invention relates to a retrieving device and, more particularly, to a retrieving device for attachment upon a tennis racquet so as to retrieve tennis balls therewith.



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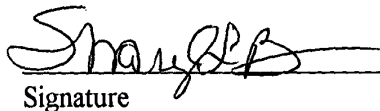
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